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SUBJ: VICE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS ON CURRENT SITUATION

1. SPEAKING IN PARLIAMENT FEBRUARY 16, VICE PRESIDENT S.I. KOROMA TOLD THE HOUSE THAT ... QUOTE AFTER THE PRESIDENT HAD DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY, WHICH HAS BEEN RATIFIED BY PARLIAMENT, CERTAIN PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY HAVE RESORTED TO BURNING HOUSES OF MINISTERS AND NOTABLE CITIZENS.

"AMONG THE HOUSES BURNT IN BO ARE THOSE OF THE MINISTER OF LABOR, MR. GEORGE GOBIO-LAMIN, AND THE RESIDENT MINISTER SOUTHERN PROVINCE, MR. H.M. MORIBA. THE OFFICES INCLUDE THE DISTRICT OFFICE, COURT BARRIE AND MINISTRY OF WORKS, ALL IN BO, AND THE INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT SUB-TREASURY, BATA SHOE COMPANY AND AUREOL TOBACCO COMPANY OFFICE IN MAKENI.

"THE VICE PRESIDENT SAID THAT A MATTRU JONG THE HOUSE OF THE MEMBER FOR BONTHE NORTH, MR. SAM GOE, WAS DESTROYED. OTHER

BUILDINGS DESTROYED INCLUDE THE NEW I.D.A. BUILDINGS AND THE POLICE STATION.

"IN PUJEHUN, THE HOUSES OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. FRANCIS MINAH AND DR. JAIA KAI-KAI WERE ALSO DESTROYED.

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"MVICE PRESIDENT KOROMA POINTED OUT THAT THIS IS A BURMANG ISSUE AS THEY HAD TAKEN AN OATH TO SAFEGUARD THE LIVES AND PROPERTIES OF EVERY CITIZEN.

"HE DISCLOSED THAT SUCH ACTS OF DESTRUCTION AND CONSTERNATION BY POLITICAL ADVERSARIES ON THEIR OPPONENTS ARE CARRIED OUT BY

A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE WHO MOVE FROM PLACE TO PLWME.

"THE GROUP, HE ADDED, HAS A LIST OF PLACES TO BE DESTROYED.
HE IMPORED MEMBERS TO RESOLVE THAT IF SUCH ASTS OF HOOLIGANISM
AND VANDALISM DO NOT STOP, THEY WERE GOING TO TAKE APPROPRIATE
ACTION.

"VICE PRESIDENT KOROMA OBSERVED THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO
SIT DOWN WITHOUT TAKING ACTION AND WARNED THAT GOVERNMENT
WILL BEGIN TO ACT SWIFTLY.

"HE SAID THEY WERE CONSTRAINED NOT TO ARREST PEOPLE AS IT
MIGHT BE INTERPRETED THAT THEY WERE DEBARRING CERTAIN PEOPLE
FROM ELECTION.

"VICE PRESIDENT KORMOA BELIEVED THAT THE PRESENT SITUATION IS
INTENDED TO PROVOKE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTION.
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2. THE VICE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS WERE REPORTED BY THE MEDIA
AS QUOTED ABOVE.
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